

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

MODIFICATION OF MAIL CLASSIFICATION
SCHEDULE REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF NEW
FOREVER STAMPS

Docket No. MC2015-42

**UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE NOTICE OF DELAYED IMPLEMENTATION OF
MINOR CLASSIFICATION CHANGES RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE OF
FOREVER STAMPS -- ERRATA**
(April 2, 2015)

The United States Postal Service files the attached revised notice concerning the implementation of minor classification changes related to the issuance of proposed new Forever stamps in this docket. The revised version is identical to the original version, filed March 25, 2015, except that the effective implementation date has been changed from April 26, 2015 to a date that the Postal Service later sets for implementation of the rates and classifications for Standard Mail, Periodicals and Package Services, as previously indicated in Docket No. CP2015-33.

Respectfully submitted,

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**NOTICE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE OF
MINOR CLASSIFICATION CHANGES RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE OF FOREVER
STAMP STATUS TO THE POSTCARD, TWO-OUNCE, THREE-OUNCE,
ADDITIONAL OUNCE AND NONMACHINABLE SURCHARGE STAMPS**
(March 25, 2015)

Pursuant to 39 C.F.R. §§ 3020.90 and 3020.91, the United States Postal Service (Postal Service) files this Notice of minor changes in the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS), Section 1105.5. The proposed classification changes (Attachment A) have been approved by the Governors, effective on a date that the Postal Service later sets for implementation of the rates and classifications for Standard Mail, Periodicals, and Package Services, and add non-denominated, non-expiring (“Forever”) status to stamps for five different First-Class Mail stamp categories: 1) a postcard stamp; 2) the two-ounce letter stamp; 3) the three-ounce letter stamp; 4) the additional ounce stamp and 5) the first ounce nonmachinable surcharge stamp.¹ In addition, these changes modify the definition of Forever stamps in the Mail Classification Schedule’s Glossary of Terms

¹ Since the Postal Service is not proposing to add, remove or transfer a product from the market-dominant product list, but is merely adding Forever stamp status to existing stamps to be issued April 26, 2015, the rules under 39 CFR part 3020, subpart B do not seem to apply. The Commission has acknowledged the need for refined categories in its rules in its Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Docket No. RM2015-6 (November 14, 2014). We believe this filing, while admittedly more than a simple correction to a product description, should be classified as a minor change to a product description, under Subpart E, and not a modification to the product list, under Subpart B, since it is not material in nature. These minor changes to existing products do not affect the characteristics of any postal products. Instead, the change merely specifies the applicable price and value for the new stamps. Based upon this analysis, we are following the regulatory notice provisions outlined in subpart E.